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## **AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This application is a continuing application filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), based upon International Application PCT/JP99/01269, filed March 16, 1999.--